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SUBJ: PARTICIPATION OF DR. KISSINGER IN US PEACE EFFORTS
IN MID EAST

ALTHOUGH IDEA HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN PRESS -- AND NO DOUBT
EXPLORED IN WASHINGTON, I WOULD NEVERTHELESS LIKE TO RECORD
MY VIEW ... THAT DR. KISSINGER, WHO HAS ALREADY ACHIEVED
HIGH PRESTIGE IN THIS AREA AS A RESULT OF VIET NAM SETTLEMENT
IS UNIQUELY SUITED TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN AN ACTIVE EFFORT
BY USG TO PROMOTE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN MIDEAST. ALMOST
ALL ARABS ARE CONVICED THAT AMERICAN ATTITUDES AND DECISION-
MAKING WITH RESPECT TO MIDEAST ARE CONTROLLED BY JEWS, AND
THEREFORE WHATEVER DR. KISSINGER WOULD HAVE TO SAY IN SUPPORT
OF ACHIEVEMENT OF JUSTICE FOR BOTH SIDES WOULD BE MORE PER-
SUASIVE IN ARAB WORLD THAN ANYTHING NON- JEWISH AMERICAN
COULD SAY. IN FACT, NUMBER OF OUR ARAB FRIENDS HERE HAVE SUGGESTED
SUCH A ROLE FOR DR. KISSINGER. WE NOTE, AT SAME TIME, HIS
POSTION WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT TO ASSAIL IN ISRAEL THAN THAT
OF ANY NON- JEWISH AMERICAN.
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